

REMARKS

In the Office Action of January 11, 2007, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims: Invention I (Claims 1-3) allegedly drawn to a hierarchical framework for a software library; Invention II (Claims 4-5) allegedly drawn to a method for organizing a methodology; Invention III (Claims 6-8) allegedly drawn to a method for mapping a knowledge base; and Invention IV (Claims 9-12) allegedly drawn to a user interface.

Assignee respectfully elects Invention III (Claims 6-8) without traverse. Assignee submits that Claims 6 – 8 and new claims 13-21 encompass the elected invention. Claims 1-5 and 9-12, which are drawn to non-elected Inventions I, II and IV, are canceled without prejudice to file three divisional patent applications, each containing claims drawn to one of the non-elected inventions.

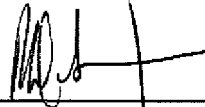
Claims 1-12 were pending in the application. Assignee has amended claim 6 and added new claims 13-21 to clarify the claims. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 are canceled without prejudice. After entry of the amendment, claims 6-8 and 13-21 are pending. The amendments and new claims are supported in the specification at least at ¶¶ 0030-0033, 0047, 0062-0064, 0082, 0087, 0095-0102, 0107 and Figures 1-5. Paragraph 0087 indicates that because of the common taxonomies used to define the activities and hence the tasks comprising the activities, the content files 402 and rule files from one methodology already created may be copied and reused for new methodologies being created.

Regarding new claims 13-21, support in the specification can be found in at least paragraphs ¶¶ 0030-0033, 0095-0102, 0107 and Figures 1-5. Paragraph 0032 indicates that Workstreams 114 group together processes usually performed by a team of people with related skill sets. Paragraph 0030 indicates that the intersections of the stages 112 and the workstreams 114 are embedded with code segments providing links to documents. No new matter has been added. The amended claims are still within the scope of Invention III.

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Assignee respectfully submits that Claims 6-8 and 13-21 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the contact the Assignee's undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200, if such communication would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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